

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 808

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate John Graham for being named the 2009 Robert M. Wormsley Outstanding County Official of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens, who through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, John Graham is one such noteworthy person, who was recently named the 2009 Robert M. Wormsley Outstanding County Official of the Year at the Tennessee County Services Association (TCSA) Annual Fall Conference and Trade Show in Hamilton County; and

WHEREAS, created in honor of a former TCSA executive director who dedicated more than forty years of service to counties throughout the State of Tennessee, this prestigious award has only been bestowed upon five other county officials; and

WHEREAS, a most deserving recipient of this award, Mr. Graham serves with acumen and alacrity as the Marion County Highway Superintendent, in which position he has earned the respect of his employees, colleagues, and the public alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, widely recognized as a leader in county government, John Graham rendered sterling service as the president of the TCSA from 2002-2003 and as the president of the Tennessee County Highway Officials Association (TCHOA) in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Graham is a dedicated civic leader who has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order through his involvement with numerous organizations, boards, and commissions, including serving as a member of the Marion County Railroad Authority Board of Directors, the Marion County Planning Commission, the Marion County

Board of Health, the Southeast Tennessee Rural Planning Organization, and the Governor's Forest Management Advisory Panel; and

WHEREAS, John Graham is an active and devout member of the Holly Avenue United Methodist Church, in which he faithfully serves as a member of various boards; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Mr. Graham has also been named "Citizen of the Year" by the Marion County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, John Graham's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time honored values of discipline and hard work and his uncommon ability to work well with individuals from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Graham epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud John Graham for his dedication to this State and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend John Graham for his meritorious service to Marion County and the State of Tennessee, congratulate him on being named the 2009 Robert M. Wormsley Outstanding County Official of the Year, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.